

their commitment to the cadets has translated into the development of community leaders and positive influences within the school system. A special thank you to Todd and Ron, for all you do to encourage future patriots with the same tenacity and work ethic that defined your own service careers.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I ask that this body join me in recognizing this fine group of Americans for all they have accomplished—and their continued and future service to this great nation.

HONORING ED ZABROCKI FOR HIS
34 YEARS OF SERVICE AS
MAYOR OF TINLEY PARK, ILLINOIS

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ed Zabrocki who recently retired after serving 34 years as Mayor of Tinley Park, Illinois. Throughout his time in office, Mayor Zabrocki demonstrated tremendous dedication to his community and its residents.

Ed Zabrocki began his career in public service by serving on the Tinley Park Human Resources Commission and became a Village Trustee in 1979. Two years later he was elected Mayor of Tinley Park.

Throughout his tenure in office, Mayor Zabrocki maintained a strong commitment to Tinley Park's residents. Under his leadership, the village became one of the fastest growing municipalities in the nation. In 2005 he was named as a finalist for the World Mayor Award. In 2006, the Commerce Department recognized Mayor Zabrocki with the Excellence in Economic Development Award for "recognizing commitment to sound, research-based, market driven economic development in helping to grow the local economy." In addition to his service to Tinley Park, Ed Zabrocki was elected to be the 37th District's State Representative in the 89th Illinois General Assembly.

Ed Zabrocki has also been dedicated to education. After two years as a teacher at Bishop Noll, he was hired to teach at Brother Rice High School in Chicago in 1965. Forty years later he retired as Director of Guidance. Over the years he had a great influence on his students, with five of them going on to be elected to public office in the Chicago area.

Mayor Zabrocki and his wife Emily are the parents of two children and the grandparents of seven. In retirement he plans to spend more time with his family as well as his Lionel train sets and his baritone sax.

RECOGNIZING BOBBY WALTERS

HON. TOM RICE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. RICE of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today is the official start of Hurricane Season. As a lifelong resident of a coastal area and a representative of a coastal district, hurricane preparedness is a priority of mine.

I would like to recognize a young man in my district who is committed to hurricane safety, Bobby Walters. Bobby is a resident of Georgetown County, South Carolina, and has spent the last three years marking 861 street signs with their corresponding hurricane evacuation zone.

Now, Georgetown residents can easily determine which evacuation zone they are in, and should inclement weather occur, proceed to the nearest evacuation route.

Bobby is a member of Boy Scout Troop 360 in Pawleys Island and completed this project to earn his Eagle Scout rank.

On behalf of the Seventh Congressional District, thank you Bobby and Troop 360 for all of your hard work to keep our community safe.

THE PHOENIX MERCURY, 2014
WNBA CHAMPIONS

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Phoenix Mercury, our 2014 WNBA Champions, who on Friday June 5, 2015 begin their nineteenth season. During the opening game, the team will receive their third championship ring in seven years and the 2014 Championship Banner will be unveiled before thousands of fans. The enthusiastic crowds that have supported the players for almost two decades will be there to cheer them on as they play the San Antonio Stars. As the team begins their new season, I proudly recognize the exceptional team members, captains and managers who have built the most successful professional women's basketball team in the world—our Phoenix Mercury.

In addition to their talent on the court, Phoenix Mercury team members are an integral part of the Valley of the Sun. The team dedicates a great deal of their free time engaging children, neighborhoods and schools, serving as mentors and role models to the young people who look up to them.

Our Phoenix Mercury has the strongest fan base and attendance in the WNBA and the team credits their success as a team to this "X-Factor"—the power of their fans. Congratulations to the Phoenix Mercury as they begin their nineteenth season and thank you for demonstrating to young girls, boys and the world, the heart and strength of women athletes.

HONORING RABBI MELVIN AND
LENORE SIRNER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, religious institutions and the men and women who lead them have the power to shape and bind communities in many incredible ways. For over forty years in New Rochelle, Rabbi Melvin Sirner and his wife, Lenore, have led Beth El Synagogue Center in New Rochelle with incredible grace, and as a result have left an indelible mark on the entire community.

A native of Chicago and a graduate of the University of Michigan, Rabbi Sirner came to New Rochelle in August 1972 following his ordination at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Scheduled only to stay at Beth El for two years, Rabbi Sirner extended his stay several years and, upon the retirement of Rabbi Golovensky, was elected Senior Rabbi of the Center.

Lenore Richman Sirner was born and raised in Boro Park, Brooklyn, and received a wonderful early Jewish education at Shulamith School for Girls, and later at Yeshiva of Flatbush High School. A graduate of George Washington University, Lenore earned her Master's degree in social work from New York University, before serving for many years as Director of Social Work Case management at the Burke Rehabilitation Hospital, and later as Administrator of Clinical Services.

As Lenore volunteered at Beth El, she met Rabbi Sirner, and the rest as they say is history.

Together, Rabbi Sirner and Lenore have led Beth El by emphasizing high quality and meaningful Jewish experiences. Under their stewardship, Beth El went from a community that did not permit participation of women in religious ritual, to a fully egalitarian synagogue. The establishment of the Keruv Committee, which works to ensure that all feel fully embraced and welcomed by the Beth El community, has helped shaped the synagogue under Rabbi Sirner's watch, and the Sylvia and Robert Scher Chesed Committee, which works to help shape the larger New Rochelle community as a whole, has become a great beacon of light for the entire neighborhood due to its fine work.

But Rabbi and Lenore Sirner's greatest joy and accomplishment is their family. They are the proud parents of Gabrielle, her husband Morris, Abby, and Ari. They are also adoring grandparents to Lev, who I'm told is currently on the verge of mastering the sippy cup.

This year, the Beth El Synagogue Center is honoring Rabbi Sirner and Lenore for their decades of dedicated service to the Beth El, as well as the entire New Rochelle, communities. It is my pleasure to offer congratulations to Rabbi Sirner and Lenore on this wonderful occasion, and thank them for all they have done to better our community.

WELCOMING AKHAN SEMICONDUCTOR
INCORPORATED TO
GURNEE, IL

HON. ROBERT J. DOLD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of AKHAN Semiconductor Incorporated and its founder and Chief Executive Officer, Adam Khan. AKHAN Semiconductor has become the most advanced diamond semiconductor platform in the world due to the hard work and meticulous training of Mr. Khan and his team.

AKHAN will begin operations in Gurnee, Illinois this June. Mr. Speaker, the 10th District of Illinois that I represent is a manufacturing hub, and a fantastic place for industry to form and grow. In fact, Gurnee was the perfect choice for AKHAN because it is rich with